

# Molecular imaging probes – small molecular “sensors” and nanoparticles

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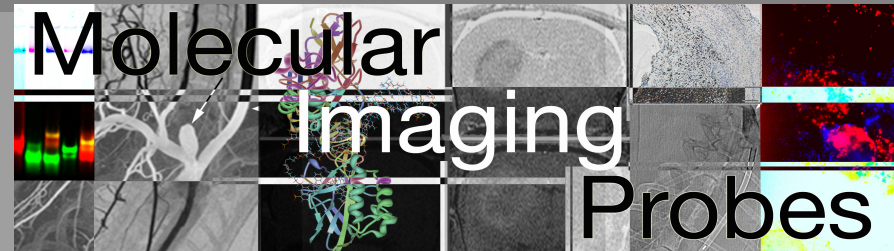
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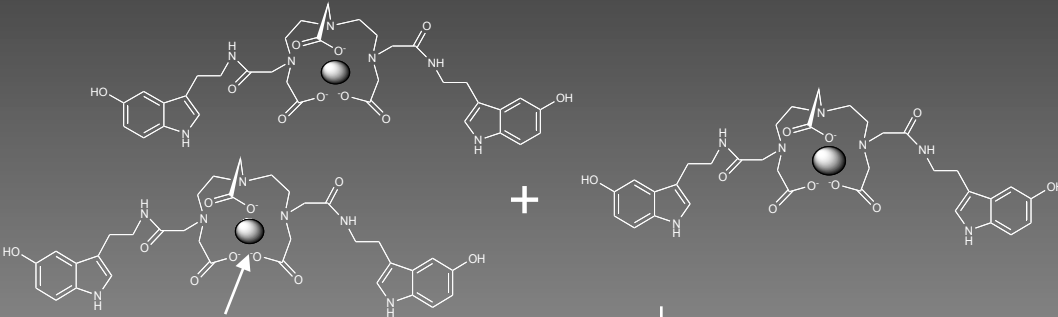
# MRI sensors for detecting peroxidase activity

Bogdanov A Jr. et al. Mol Imaging 1:16-23, 2002

Querol M et al. Org Lett. 2005

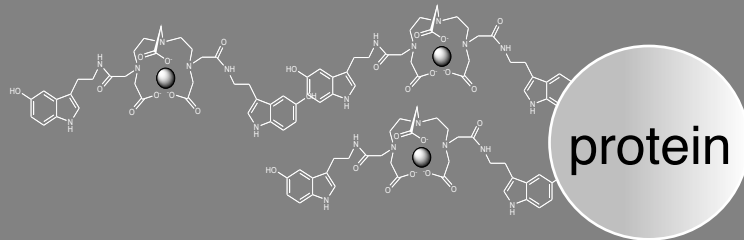
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Small building blocks



Gd

peroxidase



Large products, slow Gd rotation

Low R1 value



0.45 mM  
Gd-substrate

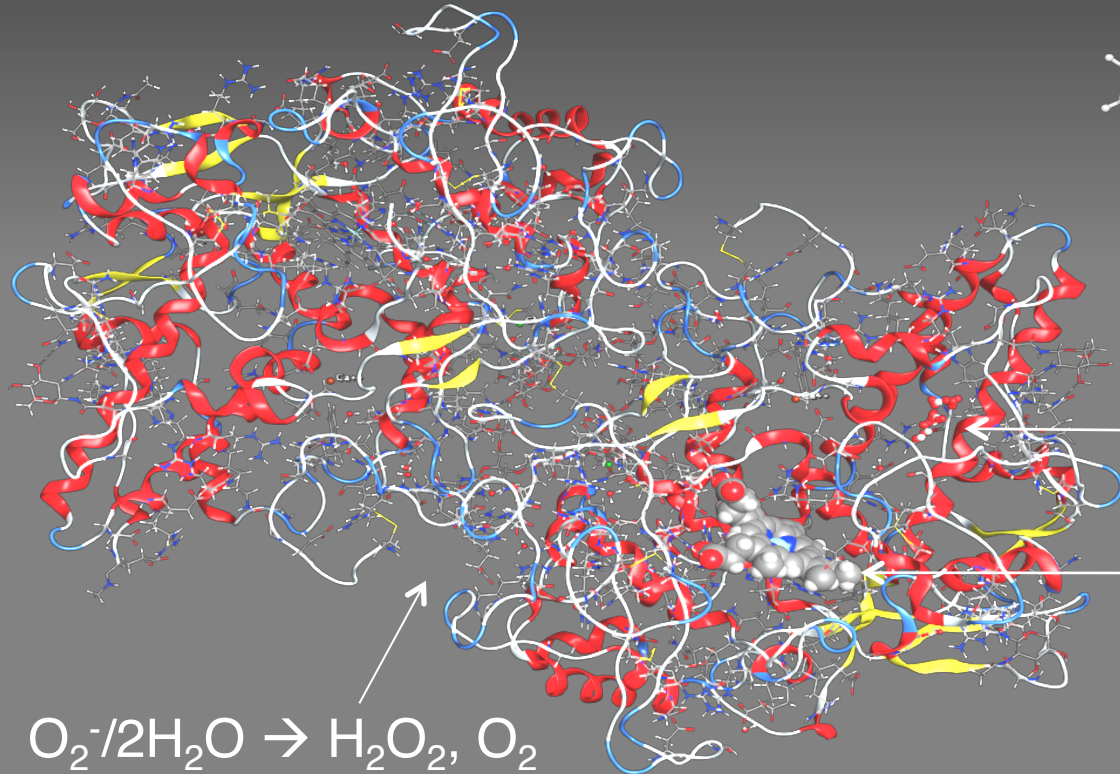
High R1 value

Signal intensity increases:

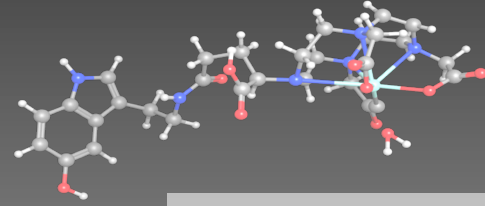
MRamp effect

# Detecting enzymatic markers of inflammation

Myeloperoxidase

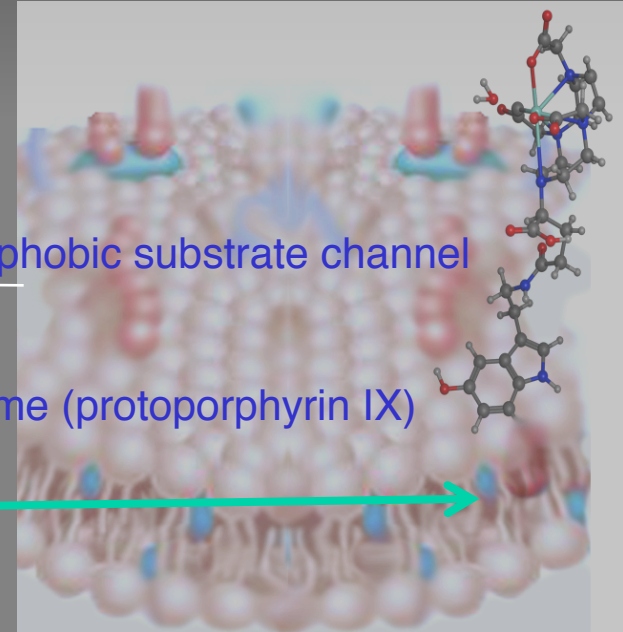


Reducing substrates



Hydrophobic substrate channel

Heme (protoporphyrin IX)



# MR Imaging of experimental inflammation in a rabbit model of stable aneurysm.

- diameter of the parent vessel (brachiocephalic trunk) is representative of human intracranial vessels

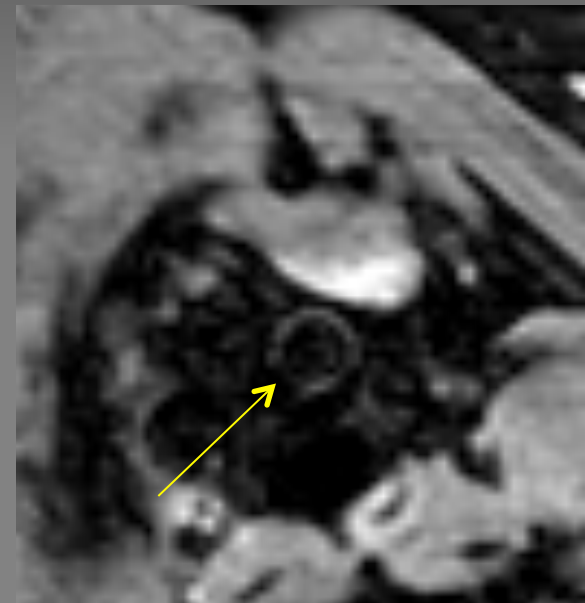
LPS injected into wall of aneurysm



De Leo III, M et al. Radiology 252:696-703 (2009)



microcatheter



MRI of a rabbit "aneurysm" model

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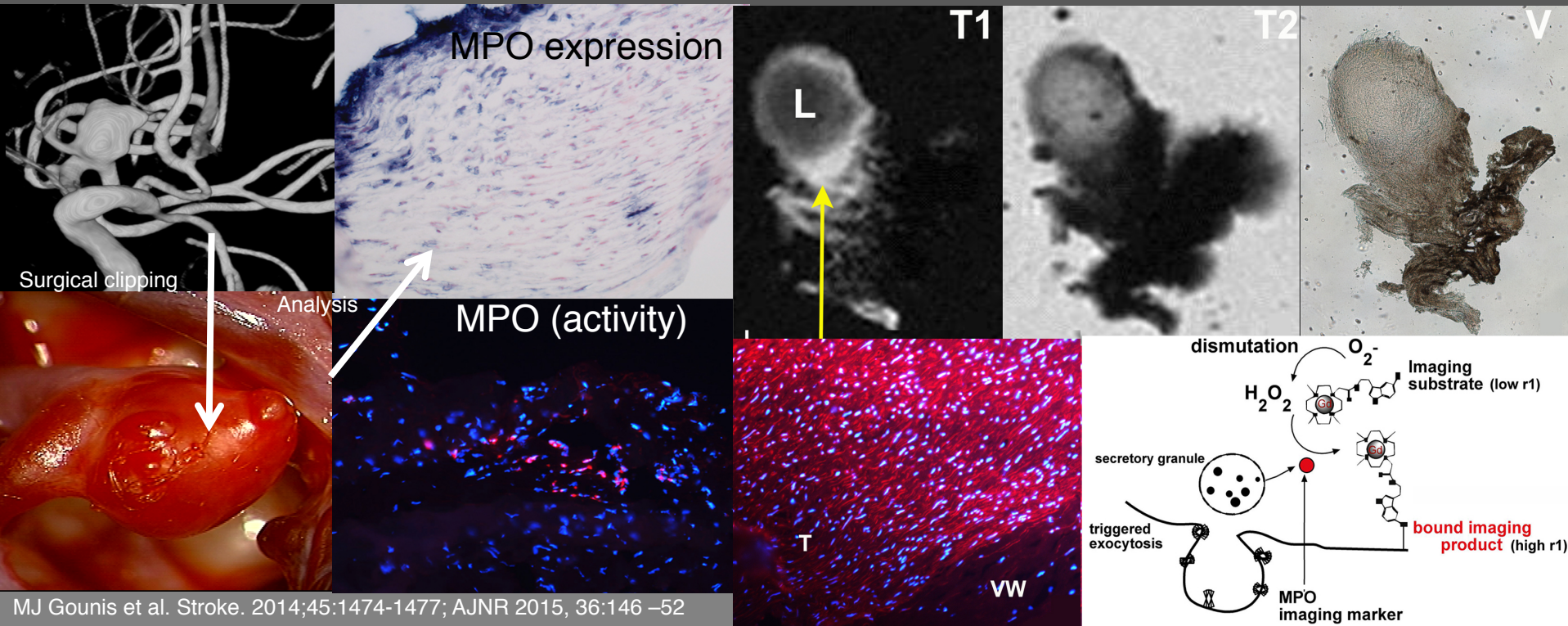
**Human brain aneurysm rupture risk assessment using non-invasive imaging**

In

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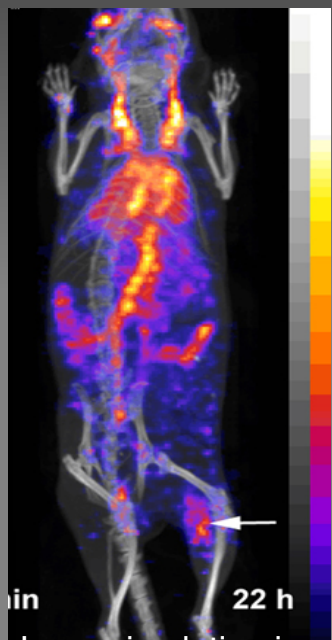
Goal: develop molecular imaging markers for patient stratification

**microMRI of human aneurysm**



# MR signal amplification for receptor imaging

Goal: investigate imaging probes for signal enhancement in vivo



Long-circulating iron-oxide/gold nanoparticles for multispectral photoacoustic/MR imaging

